

Lakefront exhibit to debut today

The following was submitted by Lynne Pascale, of the Onondaga Historical Association.

The Onondaga Historical Association will hold an opening reception today for a new traveling exhibit about Syracuse's lakefront.

The exhibit — "Transforming Syracuse's Lakefront: The 25th Anniversary of a Bold Vision, 1987-2012" — will be unveiled from 4 to 6 p.m. today in the main lobby at Bridgewater Place, 500 Plum St. in Franklin Square.

The event is free. For information, call Karen at 428-1864, ext. 312.

"Transforming Syracuse's Lakefront" is a six-panel traveling exhibit that explores the significant changes that have occurred to the city's lakefront district since officials of the Pyramid Co. and the city of Syracuse first announced plans to begin a redevelopment of the city's waterfront.

Viewers will learn of the lakefront's long human history, and how the area once

served as the heart of Syracuse's salt industry.

The exhibit then examines, using before and after images, the impact of the completion of a series of lakefront projects, with the Carousel Center, soon to be Destiny USA, serving as the catalyst for change.

These transformations include the removal of dozens of oil tanks to create the Inner Harbor; the clean-up of Onondaga Creek and the creation of the Creekwalk; the renovation of many abandoned industrial buildings to create the historic Franklin Square neighborhood.

The exhibit will start its tour at Onondaga Historical Association Museum Wednesday.